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NORMAN OSBORN, ONCE THE GREEN GOBLIN, IS THE NEW POLITICAL AND MEDIA DARLING AND DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

NORMAN HAS UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY AS THE IRON PATRIOT AND HAS MADE BOLD MOVES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO REMAKE THE COUNTRY'S STATUS QUO INTO HIS IMAGE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS–AN IMAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE MUTANT, MONSTER OR VIGILANTE.

THE MIGHTY THOR, GOD OF THUNDER, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO EARTH AND BROUGHT THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD AND ALL THE GODS WHO IT CALLED HOME WITH HIM. ASGARD FLOATS JUST FEET ABOVE THE FIELDS OF BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

WITH THE COAXING OF THOR'S BROTHER LOKI, NORMAN AIMS HIS SIGHTS ON ASGARD. AFTER MANUFACTURING AN INCIDENT THAT GAVE HIM AN EXCUSE TO INVADE, NORMAN DOES, IN FULL FORCE, BACKED BY HIS DARK AVENGERS, THE CORRUPTED CRIMINAL INITIATIVE TEAMS AND CONVENTIONAL H.A.M.M.E.R. FORCES – AND IN FRONT OF THE INVITED WORLD MEDIA. HIS FIRST ACT, GANGING UP ON THOR ON LIVE TELEVISION, ONLY SERVES TO ENRAGE THE HEROES ALIGNING AGAINST NORMAN, INCLUDING THE NEWLY RESURRECTED CAPTAIN AMERICA, STEVE ROGERS.

IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, ARES, GOD OF WAR AND ONE OF NORMAN'S AVENGERS, DISCOVERED THE TRUTH BEHIND NORMAN'S INVASION OF ASGARD. BETRAYED AND ENRAGED, ARES TURNED ON OSBORN ONLY TO BE BRUTALLY BEATEN AND THEN UTTERLY DESTROYED BY NORMAN'S ATTACK DOG, THE NIGH-INVULNERABLE AND SEVERELY DERANGED SENTRY.

BEFORE THE SHOCK COULD WEAR OFF, CAPTAIN AMERICA ARRIVED WITH EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES IN TOW...

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THEY SEEM TO BE RESISTING.
SO BE IT.
EXACTLY.
"WHAT IS THAT? WHAT JUST HAPPENED?"
"THAT--THAT, SIR, IS PARKER ROBBINS."
"PARKER ROBBINS?"
"THE FILES SAY HE'S KNOWN AS... THE HOOD."
"HE'S--YOU MEAN, THE GANGSTER?"
"HE'S A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT, SIR. AND IT SEEMS HE'S BROUGHT EVERYONE HE KNOWS."
"AND WHOSE SIDE IS HE ON?"
"NOT OURS."

Many will fall. Several will die.
One will control the fate of the entire species!
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